

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. The above amendment to the specification serves to replace paragraph (19) on page 9 of the present specification so as to conform with the amendment of Claim 19. Claim 19 is editorially amended. This amendment is supported by the description on lines 20 to 22 of page 23 the present specification. Amendments to Claims 3 to 18 only involve amendments to the dependencies of the claims. There is no new matter introduced by the amendments set forth above. Entry of above amendments is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

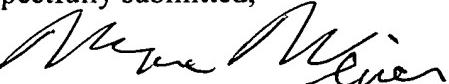
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner (Reg. No. 32,181) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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